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Commission's Secretary,
Office of the Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW.,
Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554

RE: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ET DOCKET # 13 – 49

UNLICENSED NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE (U-NII) DEVICES IN THE 5 GHZ BAND

As the United States moves into the age of autonomous vehicles including automated trucks, ensuring the initial reliability of the communications network necessary to support this technology will be important to achieving success.

The American Trucking Associations' Inc. (ATA) is the national trade association for the trucking industry and represents every type of trucking company and trucking operation in the country. A primary mission of ATA is to advocate for a safe and secure highway system that allows for the efficient movement of freight throughout this nation.

ATA makes no specific comment regarding the proposed FCC test plan to evaluate electromagnetic compatibility of unlicensed devices and DSRC. Instead, ATA wants the FCC to know that ATA's membership supports the need to maintain a dedicated band width on 75 MHz within the 5.9GHZ frequency spectrum for the Connected Vehicle Program and other highway safety applications until such time as it can be shown that sharing the band will not degrade connected vehicle communications.

The FCC must take great care before legislating and regulating a critical industry technology without first doing all the necessary research and testing on what could well be a significant improvement in safety for the American transportation system. Until the final outcome is known, it's important to preserve, protect, and defend the sanctity of the 5.9 GHz frequency that has the potential to enable a quantum leap in improved truck (and car) safety.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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